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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 2151**

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Roy F. Brabson et al.

Group Art Unit: 2151

Application No.: 09/930,360

Examiner: Nghi V. Tran

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For: **EFFICIENT CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN MULTIPLE TOPOLOGY
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Applicants provide the present Amendment After Final to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed July 12, 2005 (hereinafter "Final Office Action") through its citation of new references and assertion of new grounds for rejection of the pending claims. Applicants request entry of the present claim amendments as placing the application in condition for allowance or reducing the issues for consideration on appeal. In particular, Claims 2, 6, and 9 have been amended to independent form including all of the recitations from the independent claims from which they formerly depended, and independent Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 have been canceled. A Notice of Appeal and a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review are being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account 09-0461.